

REMARKS

The application was filed with claims 1-40. Claims 41-45 were added by preliminary amendment. Claims 4-5 and 41-45 were canceled by subsequent amendment. New claim 46 was added by subsequent amendment. Claims 14-19 and 22-40 have been canceled herein, without prejudice. Thus, claims 1-3, 6-13, 20-21, and 46 are pending.

As no more than claims are pending after this amendment than were pending prior to this amendment, no additional total claims fees are believed due.

Brief Summary of Telephonic Interview of September 13, 2011

As an initial matter, Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for a thorough examination of the pending claims as well as for the opportunity to discuss the amended claim on September 13, 2011. In order to expedite prosecution, as suggested by the Examiner, Applicant herein cancels the withdrawn claims and believes that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. If the Examiner does not agree that the pending claims are allowable, Applicant respectfully requests an opportunity to again discuss the reasons supporting patentability in a telephone interview.

CONCLUSION

In light of the above amendments and remarks, the claims are believed to be allowable, and Applicant respectfully requests notification of same. The Examiner is invited and encouraged to directly contact the undersigned if such contact may enhance the efficient prosecution of the application to issuance.

No period was set as a due date for this supplemental response. No fee is believed due; however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 14-0629.

Respectfully submitted,
BALLARD SPAHR LLP

/ D. Brian Shortell /

D. Brian Shortell, JD, PhD
Registration No. 56,020

BALLARD SPAHR LLP
Customer Number 23859
(678) 420-9300 Phone
(678) 420-9301 Fax

CERTIFICATE OF EFS-WEB TRANSMISSION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8

I hereby certify that this correspondence – including any items indicated as attached, enclosed, or included – is being transmitted by EFS-WEB on the date indicated below.

/ D. Brian Shortell /

D. Brian Shortell, JD, PhD

September 19, 2011

Date